

morning will find the roads filled as seldom before with a welcome host of all manner of floating craft.

Rear-Admiral Sperry reported the arrival of his fleet and the welcoming squadron under command of Rear-Admiral Arnold to the Navy Department this morning, as soon as the twenty-five ships of the joint command were brought to a standstill at the ocean drill grounds.

None but official messages were exchanged. Admiral Sperry having given orders to the wireless operators not to send nor receive personal or commercial messages. Whether or not Admiral Sperry will take advantage of the stay at the drill grounds until to-morrow morning to inspect any of the vessels of his command is not known, but it is generally believed that he will leave this duty until after the President's review.

Ships Not in Sight.
Hundreds of people went to Virginia Beach and Cape Henry to-day, hoping to catch a glimpse of the reviewing ships. They were disappointed, however, as the ships lay too far off the coast to be observed even from high towers.

The faint tracings of smoke from some commercial steamer constantly set the throngs a-flutter with excitement, but hopes were quickly dispelled when the unromantic vessels of commerce came within range of vision.

Both Norfolk and Old Point were fairly choked with excursionists and visitors to-day.

The Guardian Angel.
The repair ship Panther steamed in to-day, the third of the auxiliaries of the fleet to make home after encircling the globe. A homeward bound pennant of red streamer far behind the trim white vessel as she steamed in the capes and proceeded to an anchorage almost directly off the government pier. The Panther is an ill-named vessel, having none of the tendencies or qualities of a beast of prey. Instead she has been more of a guardian angel to the fleet, being ready at all times to receive any repairs that might be needed.

This floating machine shop has always been within wireless call of the battleships, and although her services have, happily, not been required for any serious breakdown, her presence has lent a feeling of security to every commanding officer in the fleet. The Panther on a larger and more complete scale has been to the world-cruising fleet what the better-known Vulcan was to the American naval forces in Cuban waters during the Spanish-American War. Although seldom heard from in the dispatches telling of the splendid accomplishments of the battle squadrons, the Panther in her own sphere has done as well as any of the vessels.

Auxiliaries Come In.
The collier Ajax also came in to-day, a late messenger from the fleet. Colliers have no home other than the restless ocean, and so the black Ajax flew no homeward pennant to-day. The Yankton slipped in last Wednesday, with the experimental steamer notably absent from the aftermost. The Yankton was too busy fighting the terms of the wintry Atlantic at unequal odds to permit of the welding together of a pennant which, to have been appropriately long, would have been longer than the little vessel itself.

This busy dispatch boat returned from Washington to-day a veritable treasure ship. In her strong room to-night are golden eagles, double eagles and half eagles to the amount of \$800,000, to be used in paying off the officers and men of the fleet upon their arrival. The men have not had a pay day for some time, and the single of American gold in their pockets in a homeward port will sound good to the bluejackets.

Provide for the Widows.
The naval yacht Sylph, one of the vessels placed at the disposal of the President, arrived to-day to take out the reviewing grounds to-morrow the wives of the admirals and captains of the fleet.

Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Wainwright and Mrs. Potter, wives of the flag officers of the four divisions of the fleet, all are here, and more than one-half of the admirals' wives also will be on board the Sylph to-morrow. The naval yacht Onondaga, assigned to the militia of the District of Columbia, is here, with General George H. Harris, of Washington, and a party on board. Vessels of the Virginia and Maryland "oyster navy" arrived this afternoon.

The decision of Admiral Sperry not to attempt to receive the hundreds of wireless messages addressed to members of the fleet has occasioned much uneasiness among the admirals' wives and the host of sweethearts who have gathered to greet the home-coming officers.

The ladies have been bombarding the naval wireless station at Norfolk with messages for a week. Some of the intended radiograms, it is said, are such as the ether waves which carry the wireless dots and dashes seldom have known.

Waiting at the Dock.
"Charley, old darling, I'll be waiting at the dock," was the message, while other were filled with more love and kisses than the wireless possibly could carry.

Rear-Admiral Edward D. Taussig, commander of the Norfolk navy yard, and the fifth fleet officer to arrive this afternoon to arrange the last details of the fleet's anchorage. The naval tug that will form a patrol and keep the pathway of the fleet clear of trespass began to arrive this afternoon. The flagship of the fleet, the battleship USS Oregon, is expected to arrive to-morrow.

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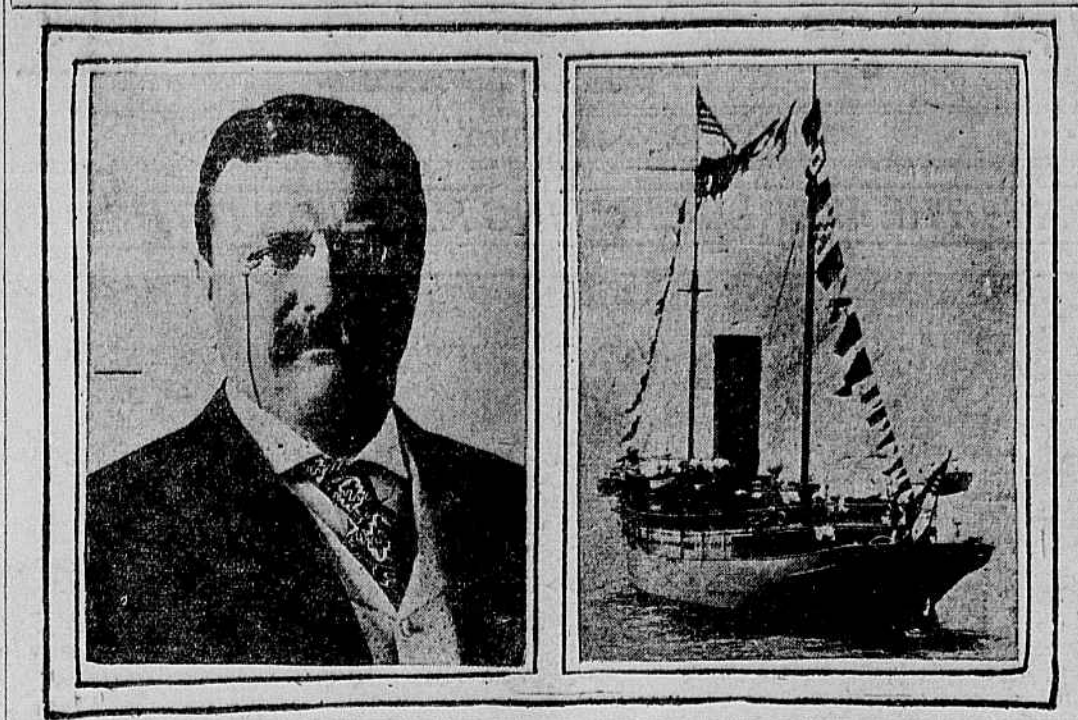
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President Roosevelt and Yacht from Which He Will Review Fleet



THE SHIPS OF THE FLEET

First-class Battleship	Knots	Guns	Tons	Horse Power	Nautical Statute Miles	Statute Miles
Connecticut	18.75	24	16,000	14,500	1,850	2,130
Kansas	18.00	24	15,000	13,500	1,700	2,170
Vermont	18.33	24	16,000	14,500	2,100	2,564
Louisiana	18.33	24	16,000	14,500	2,666	3,070
Georgia	19.24	24	14,948	13,900	3,105	3,575
New Jersey	19.18	24	14,948	13,900	3,105	3,575
Rhode Island	19.01	24	14,948	13,900	3,105	3,575
Virginia	19.01	24	14,948	13,900	3,105	3,575
Minnesota	18.86	24	14,948	13,900	3,105	3,575
Ohio	17.82	20	12,500	10,000	2,384	2,779
Missouri	18.15	20	12,500	10,000	2,384	2,779
Maine	18.00	20	12,500	10,000	2,384	2,779
Alabama	17.91	20	12,500	10,000	2,384	2,779
Illinois	17.45	18	11,525	11,354	2,143	2,517
Kearsarge	18.82	22	11,525	11,354	2,143	2,517
Kentucky	18.90	22	11,525	11,354	2,143	2,517
Number of battleships					16	
Number of torpedo boats					4	
Number of auxiliaries					15,000	
Total number of men in crew					15,000	
Detached, ordered home and relieved by the Wisconsin and Nebraska						

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Hampton Roads to Trinidad	1,850	2,130
Trinidad to Rio de Janeiro	2,100	2,570
Rio de Janeiro to Punta Arenas	2,100	2,564
Punta Arenas to Callao	2,666	3,070
Callao to Magdalena Bay	3,105	3,575
Magdalena Bay to San Diego	3,105	3,575
San Diego to San Francisco	451	519
San Francisco to Honolulu	2,100	2,418
Honolulu to Auckland	2,309	2,680
Auckland to Sydney	1,384	1,579
Sydney to Melbourne	575	662
Melbourne to Albany	1,350	1,554
Albany to Manila	2,309	2,680
Manila to Yokohama	1,750	2,013
Yokohama to Amoy	1,343	1,547
Amoy to Manila	685	787
Manila to Cebu	2,946	3,386
Cebu to Aden	2,120	2,456
Aden to Port Said	1,397	1,613
Port Said to Gibraltar	1,929	2,213
Gibraltar to Hampton Roads	3,395	3,810
Total	41,553	48,414

As unfortunate because they cannot join on the go. It was like a half-hearted play—a play without Hamlet, but Hamlet has already signaled that he is with the fleet, and that he is happy on the way. To-morrow he comes into his own.

SPERRY COMING AS RICHMOND'S GUEST

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Other message was sent through the department, and later a third directly from the Chamber of Commerce.

Acceptance Came Last Night.
Shortly before 10 o'clock last night, the message of acceptance, as given above, was received by Mr. Dabney. The delay was probably due to unfavorable climatic conditions, which necessitated the relaying of all telegrams to the fleet. This is one of the very few unofficial messages received from the fleet since its arrival off the Virginia capes.

Although many feared that the officers would be disappointed, the message was received by Mr. Dabney, chairman of the reception committee, and the other members of the committee, who have been making arrangements so that there will now be no great amount of work to be done to complete the preparations.

Plans for Entertainment.
Already arrangements have been made with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway to run a special train of two Pullman cars from Old Point Tuesday morning to bring the guests. It will leave there at 8 o'clock. This train will carry from Richmond a committee appointed by President Williams to meet the fleet at Old Point.

Arriving here the visitors will be met by another and much larger committee, and will be taken for an automobile ride through the city. This will be followed by a luncheon at the Jefferson Hotel. The officers will return to Old Point by special train to-morrow afternoon.

The time for the luncheon has not yet been definitely chosen, nor have all the members of the committee been decided upon. Many of those who had intended joining the exodus to Hampton Roads this morning will remain in the city to complete the plans for the reception of the distinguished visitors.

Carrying for Crowds.
It has been a difficult matter to take care of the crowds to-day, and there is no telling what will happen when they pile in to-morrow. Several hundred visitors were turned away. Being foolish, they had come in the face of the printed statement that no rooms were to be had, and they drifted away, most of them going to Norfolk. The Chamberlin, the storm center, had more than 1,000 for luncheon. At one time about 200 women were lined up at the door, awaiting their turn, which reminded one of the bread line in New York or that line which stood around the Academy of Music not long ago, when it was noted abroad that the Mayor had suppressed "The Blue Mouse," with the possibility of a night performance by the infatuated route.

There isn't standing room at the Sherwood, two blocks away. Hampton is full, and so is Newport News. Most everybody at the Chamberlin is a female—the fact which strikes you as the most interesting thing to note. Very few Richmond people are here. The majority of visitors being wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts of the officers. The fathers and brothers and sons stayed at home evidently. Just before dawn, when the winds shifted to a chill, driving the crowds in, the hotels became a surging mass of femininity. Then until midnight the living pictures were constantly

OFFICIAL PARTY OFF FOR REVIEW

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don, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Satterlee, Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Captain Sims, Mrs. Senator Lodge, Captain Butt and Miss Hagner.

There was an exodus of thousands from Washington to-day for Hampton Roads to witness the great naval pageant. The steamship lines and the railroads were taxed to their utmost capacity in handling the vast crowds.

Naval Committee on Dolphin.
At 3:30 o'clock the Dolphin, with the members of the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate and House aboard,

left the Washington navy yard for Hampton Roads. A party of more than 100 members of Congress left on the steamer Washington. The Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Strauss, accompanied by Rear-Admiral and others, left on the light house tender Maple, while numerous other parties made the trip aboard specially chartered trains.

Rear-Admiral Pillsbury and his assistants in the Bureau of Navigation were the Navy Department all day receiving communications and sending instructions to Rear-Admiral Sperry. Admiral Pillsbury said that Admiral Sperry had been directed to take the fleet to the Southern drill grounds, the instructions being so indefinite that the commander was given the option of the exact stopping point overnight. Admiral Pillsbury to-day received no message from Admiral Sperry giving the position of the fleet, but the navigation officers believe it will anchor within sight of the lights of Cape Henry and Cape Charles, and, regardless of the weather, be able to get under way through the capes without the slightest delay.

May Raise the Maine.
NEW YORK, February 21.—John Arbuckle, who has been in charge of the attempt to raise the cruiser Yankee off Spindle Rock, announced here to-day that he is in negotiation with the Government to raise the Maine, sunk in Havana harbor. He is confident that the battleship can be floated with comparative ease, and is willing to make the effort as soon as the necessary permission is given and the appropriation made.

Funeral of Admiral Cotton.
NICE, February 21.—The funeral services to-day over the body of Rear-Admiral Charles S. Cotton, United States Navy (retired), who died on Friday, were attended by the American and British consuls, Rear-Admirals Franklin J. Drake, United States Navy (retired), Rear-Admiral L. G. Rogers, United States Navy (retired), Admiral Perry, of the British navy, Major and Mrs. Webster Iselin, and many other friends of the late admiral.

Japan Is Friendly.
LONDON, February 21.—The newly appointed Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, Count Takakura Kato, in an interview to-day, said that he saw no reason why Japanese relations with the United States should not remain excellent in the future, despite the loud talk of a small excited section.

Burglars Are Felled.
FLEMINGTON, N. J., February 21.—The first National Bank building at Flemington, N. J., near this place, was wrecked and the entire town aroused early to-day by an explosion of nitroglycerine set off by burglars, who got nothing for their pains. A crowd of citizens reaching the scene before they got the safe's inner door open. The burglars fled, leaving their tools behind.

Thunder Storm in Lynchburg.
LYNCHBURG, VA., February 21.—Lynchburg experienced the first thunder storm of the year this morning. The phenomenon was accompanied by an electrical display and light rain.

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NEWS OF THE SOUTHSIDE

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

It is now freely stated on the street that Willis C. Pulliam, the last representative in the Legislature from this city, will not stand for re-election. Mr. Pulliam has not stated that he would not run for re-election, but the report emanates from friends of the former representative, and can almost be taken as authentic. He will make a statement for publication in a few days. For two terms he has ably represented this city and Powhatan county, and if, as report now has it, he decides not to run again, his retirement will cause general regret. Several have been mentioned for the office, but as yet there is only one avowed candidate in the field, Carter Harrison, of Powhatan county, having openly announced himself as an aspirant for the position. D. L. Toney, a well-known business man, and president of the Manchester and Richmond Business Men's Association, is freely mentioned for the place. Mr. Toney has served the city and Powhatan county, and is a well-known representative. He is at present refusing to state whether or not he will stand for re-election at the coming primary. However, it is an assured fact that the two men will not stand for the office, but will leave the legislature from this city, and has made an excellent representative.

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